NO. OF ENCLS.

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- 1. The Hukbalahap Movement has reached such proportions in Quezon Province that the civilian population has been compelled to move from its farms and land into the more densely populated barrios and municipalities. This is necessary because the Hukbalahaps, who are essentially bandits, not only take materials but burn or destroy houses and buildings in the areas raided by them.
- 2. The Huk leaders are Communistic in philosophy and are not interested in any peaceful settlement of the agrarian problem. They are primarily intent upon creating widespread disturbances in the provincial areas, in order that the people will lose confidence in their government.
- 3. The present government is incapable of handling the situation. It would take a new government acceptable to all the people to eliminate the problem of the Hukbalahaps \*. The efforts of the constabulary are not sufficient; stronger measures are needed to eliminate the terrorism.

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Comment. It was pointed out to source that from his previous statements it would appear that the leaders of the Huks would not be satisfied with any government. His answer was that if the people could be assured of protection and backing by the government they would be more willing individually to take up arms against these bandit groups.

